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taught the value of money, how to keep household accounts, the necessity of planning in order to make their income meet the necessities and at the same time leave any sum of permanent saving.

Arithmetic, domestic economy, household accounting, the writing of checks and other business papers, the placing of insurance, etc., are made very real. While learning these matters young people are also taught certain of the fundamental facts of economic and social life. The book is to be commended because of the service it will render society.

Our Little Spartan Cousin of Long Ago. By JULIA DARROW COWLES. Boston: The Page Co. Pp. 145. 60 cents.

This story of Spartan life and character is a composite picture representative of this unique people and closes during the times of the Persian invasion. The author brings out the true nobility and rugged simplicity of the Spartan character and the book will be found not only interesting but historical. It is a good addition to the Little Cousin Series.

Trigonometry. By MAXIME BÔCHER and H. D. GAYLORD. New York: Henry Holt and Ca. Pp. 142 + ix.

This book devotes seventy-two small pages to plane trigonometry, and twenty-six pages to spherical trigonometry, the rest being given to sets of exercises which are in a separate division at the back. The tables are not included. It has several interesting features, among which are a considerable use of projections, including the proof of the formulas for $\sin(x+y)$ and $\cos(x+y)$ for the general case, the reduction of the less important parts of the subject to small type so that they may be omitted at the discretion of the teacher, and the enclosing of the answers to numerical problems in small rectangles to distinguish them from intermediate calculation.

Like many other books, its first chapter leaves the pupil with the impression that trigonometric functions exist only for acute angles. It seems as if space could be spared at the beginning to at least mention the fact that the general case exists. The consideration of angles in the form $n(90°) \pm A$ is not very well handled, as it gives the pupil only a method of work for individual cases, instead of expressing the easily formulated general case.

The book may well appeal to many teachers. It is brief, but does not omit essentials, and it is attractive in its make-up.

The Rose of Roses. By MRS. HENRY BACKUS. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 356. $1.25 net.

"Toni," a German girl of great beauty and the possessor of a wonderful voice, and a young American architect meet in a Kaffee-haus in Bremen where Toni sings every evening. She is anxious to go to America where she hopes to enter a brilliant career as a singer and when the architect goes to bid her good bye he offers her the chance to go by

consenting to "a trial engagement." She accepts the offer and on the way some interesting happenings lead to the usual result.

Plantation Stories of Old Louisiana. By ANDREW WILKINSON. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 338. $2.00 net.

A charming book of stories after the order of Uncle Remus, told in the quaint negro dialect of the South of years ago. It is a book that will not only please children but those of larger growth.

The Little Florentine. By H. DE CHARLIEU. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 129. $1.25 net.

A pleasing story for children of a boy who aspired to be a great violinist, but whose father wanted him to become a miller like himself. On going to mill one day the donkey, which the boy was driving, threw off the bags of grain, and as he was not able to replace them he sat down and played his violin. It chanced that the Duke of Guise passed by and was so pleased with his playing that he took him to Paris and after many misfortunes he became one of the King's musicians.